Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 24 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 25 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Sep 2023 at 15:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: A very unsettled period of weather with high confidence for frequent gales. Low pressure systems will provide spells of wet weather throughout the period with particular emphasis on heavy rain later on Sunday and Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 24 Sep 2023: Windy, summit gales at times, dull morning, persistent rain in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 24 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Dull	Drizzle	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	30%	20%	30%	80%	90%	>95%

Forecast for Sunday 24 Sep 2023

Weather: Ranfall overnight will die out towards dawn, strong southeasterly winds will also ease for a time during the morning. Likely to be cloudy and dull during the morning, perhaps some drizzle around hills in the west, some drier and brighter conditions to be found towards the east of the area but will be short lived. An area of persistent and heavy rain will move across the area during the afternoon and evening. The rain will be accompanied by southerly gales, severe gales for the high Lochaber peaks.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% early in the day, improving to 50% for a time then dropping to 20% during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud overnight. Cloud layers will lift during the morning towards the summits and become more scattered but this is will be short lived. Cloud will thicken and lower during the afternoon, broken layers of cloud above 300m can be expected. Visibility during the morning will be moderate, although poor in periods of drizzle in the west. During the afternoon and evening visibility will be poor in persistent and often heavy rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	43/56 SE	28/36 S	24/31 SE	31/41 S	38/50 S	34/45 S	40/55 S	45/62 S	33/46 SW
900	28/39 SE	19/26 S	16/23 S	22/31 S	27/39 S	23/35 S	28/43 S	33/49 S	25/38 SW
600	40/51 SE	24/31 S	20/27 S	27/36 S	31/42 S	28/39 S	32/46 S	38/53 S	27/40 SW
300	21/32 SE	13/22 S	11/19 S	15/26 S	18/29 S	15/26 S	18/34 S	22/37 S	17/31 SW
Glen	8/21 S	6/15 S	8/17 S	6/16 S	12/27 S	12/28 S	14/33 S	15/34 S	13/29 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-4	6/-0	5/0	6/1	7/2	8/3	8/3	7/1	5/-1
900	6/0	7/3	8/4	9/5	10/6	11/7	10/6	10/5	8/3
600	10/5	10/6	11/7	12/7	12/8	13/9	13/8	12/7	10/6
300	10/7	12/9	13/11	14/11	15/12	15/12	14/11	14/10	12/9
Glen	12/10	13/12	13/12	15/14	16/14	16/14	16/14	15/12	14/11
Freezing Level*	2800m	2100m	2200m	2300m	2600m	2800m	2800m	2600m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling chilly on Sunday morning with rain and gale force winds adding to the wind chill effect. Although winds ease for a time they will steadily increase during the afternoon and gusts of over 60-70mph will not be a surprise on Ben Nevis with atrocious conditions expected in heavy rain later in the day.

Forecast for Monday 25 Sep 2023

Weather: Rain clearing overnight and some clear spells developing. A bright start on Monday with some sunny spells possible but showers developing. Strong Southwesterly winds, summit gales accompanying showers.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35 mph with gusts 45 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% chance of cloud free summits.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud above 600m during the day, thickening around heavier showers. Visibility outwith showers will be good, becoming moderate in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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